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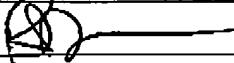
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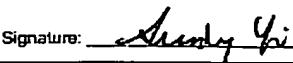
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 18, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 04172006), for which a response is due on July 18, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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